

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A computer-implemented method for link-level control of browser
2 presentations, comprising the steps of:
3 receiving data, wherein the data includes a selectable link to information;
4 parsing the received data to identify the link;
5 generating selectable link-option data, wherein the link-option data is capable of
6 retrieving the information in response to selection of the link-option data independent of
7 retrieving the information in response to selection of the link; and
8 inserting the link-option data into the received data before presenting the received
9 data to a user.

1 2. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
2 presenting the received data to the user after the inserting step.

1 3. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
2 transmitting the received data to a data browsing apparatus after the inserting step.

1 4. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the link-option data is
2 selectable by a cursor control device.

1 5. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the link-option data is
2 selectable by voice input.

1 6. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises code capable of presenting a menu to the user in response to a cursor dwelling on
3 the link for a predetermined time, wherein the menu includes at least one of: a first additional
4 link capable of retrieving the information for display in a current presentation instance, a
5 second additional link capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate
6 presentation instance overlaid upon the current presentation instance, a third additional link
7 capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate presentation instance side-by-

8 side with the current presentation instance, and a fourth additional link capable of retrieving
9 the information for display in a separate presentation instance and minimizing the current
10 presentation instance.

1 7. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises at least one of: a first additional link capable of retrieving the information for
3 display in a current presentation instance, a second additional link capable of retrieving the
4 information for display in a separate presentation instance overlaid upon the current
5 presentation instance, a third additional link capable of retrieving the information for display
6 in a separate presentation instance side-by-side with the current presentation instance, and a
7 fourth additional link capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate
8 presentation instance and minimizing the current presentation instance.

1 8. The computer-implemented method of claim 1, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises at least one additional link to the information capable of at least one of: retrieving
3 the information for editing in an editor program, sending the link to another user, and
4 retrieving the information for storage on a data storage device.

1 9. A computer readable medium having stored thereon one or more sequences of
2 instructions for causing one or more processors to perform a method for link-level control of
3 browser presentations, the method comprising the steps of:
4 receiving data, wherein the data includes a selectable link to information;
5 parsing the received data to identify the link;
6 generating selectable link-option data, wherein the link-option data is capable of
7 retrieving the information in response to selection of the link-option data independent of
8 retrieving the information in response to selection of the link; and
9 inserting the link-option data into the received data before presenting the received
10 data to a user.

1 10. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method further
2 comprises the step of: presenting the received data to the user after the inserting step.

1 11. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the method further
2 comprises the step of: transmitting the received data to a data browsing apparatus after the
3 inserting step.

1 12. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises code capable of presenting a menu to the user in response to a cursor dwelling on
3 the link for a predetermined time, wherein the menu includes at least one of: a first additional
4 link capable of retrieving the information for display in a current presentation instance, a
5 second additional link capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate
6 presentation instance overlaid upon the current presentation instance, a third additional link
7 capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate presentation instance side-by-
8 side with the current presentation instance, and a fourth additional link capable of retrieving
9 the information for display in a separate presentation instance and minimizing the current
10 presentation instance.

1 13. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises at least one of: a first additional link capable of retrieving the information for
3 display in a current presentation instance, a second additional link capable of retrieving the
4 information for display in a separate presentation instance overlaid upon the current
5 presentation instance, a third additional link capable of retrieving the information for display
6 in a separate presentation instance side-by-side with the current presentation instance, and a
7 fourth additional link capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate
8 presentation instance and minimizing the current presentation instance.

1 14. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises at least one additional link to the information capable of at least one of: retrieving
3 the information for editing in an editor program, sending the link to another user, and
4 retrieving the information for storage on a data storage device.

1 15. The computer readable medium of claim 9, wherein the one or more
2 sequences of instructions are configured for installation in an existing browser on a data
3 browsing apparatus.

1 16. A system for link-level control of browser presentations, comprising:
2 means for receiving data, wherein the data includes a selectable link to information;
3 means for parsing the received data to identify the link;
4 means for generating selectable link-option data, wherein the link-option data is
5 capable of retrieving the information in response to selection of the link-option data
6 independent of retrieving the information in response to selection of the link; and
7 means for inserting the link-option data into the received data before presenting the
8 received data to a user.

1 17. The system of claim 16, further comprising: means for presenting the received
2 data to the user after inserting the link-option data into the received data.

1 18. The system of claim 16, further comprising: means for transmitting the
2 received data to a data browsing apparatus after inserting the link-option data into the
3 received data.

1 19. A data browsing apparatus, comprising:
2 a processor;
3 a memory coupled to the processor;
4 a network interface coupled to the processor; and
5 logic capable of being executed by the processor for receiving data via the network
6 interface wherein the data includes a selectable link to information, parsing the received data
7 to identify the link, generating selectable link-option data wherein the link-option data is
8 capable of retrieving the information in response to selection of the link-option data
9 independent of retrieving the information in response to selection of the link, inserting the
10 link-option data into the received data, and presenting the received data to a user after
11 inserting the link-option data into the received data.

1 20. The data browsing apparatus of claim 19, wherein the logic is implemented as
2 a user interface program stored on the memory.

1 21. The data browsing apparatus of claim 19, wherein the logic is implemented by
2 the network interface.

1 22. The data browsing apparatus of claim 19, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises code capable of presenting a menu to the user in response to a cursor dwelling on
3 the link for a predetermined time, wherein the menu includes at least one of: a first additional
4 link capable of retrieving the information for display in a current presentation instance, a
5 second additional link capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate
6 presentation instance overlaid upon the current presentation instance, a third additional link
7 capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate presentation instance side-by-
8 side with the current presentation instance, and a fourth additional link capable of retrieving
9 the information for display in a separate presentation instance and minimizing the current
10 presentation instance.

1 23. The data browsing apparatus of claim 19, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises at least one of: a first additional link capable of retrieving the information for
3 display in a current presentation instance, a second additional link capable of retrieving the
4 information for display in a separate presentation instance overlaid upon the current
5 presentation instance, a third additional link capable of retrieving the information for display
6 in a separate presentation instance side-by-side with the current presentation instance, and a
7 fourth additional link capable of retrieving the information for display in a separate
8 presentation instance and minimizing the current presentation instance.

1 24. The data browsing apparatus of claim 19, wherein the link-option data
2 comprises at least one additional link to the information capable of at least one of: retrieving
3 the information for editing in an editor program, sending the link to another user, and
4 retrieving the information for storage on a data storage device.